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Applicant: Hacker et al.

Examiner: M.O. Savage

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND ELECTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.**

**Election begins on page 5.**

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6.**